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A.—(a) The fact is as stated.

(b) At present, Boyas, Kapus, Lingayats and Depressed classes bury the dead bodies in vanka poramboke S. No. 46, which is 450 yards away from the village and Muhammadans in a patta land S. No. 8-B belonging to one Baba Sahib and Sattar Sahib.

(c) The Government understand that the District Health Officer has made certain proposals and that the matter is pending with the Adoni Taluk Board.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Amendments to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

*81 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when amendments to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act are to be made;

(b) whether the Religious Endowment Board or anybody else has drawn his attention to the ruling in A.I.R. 1927, Madras, page 338, 1928, Madras, page 955, and 58 M.L.J., page 104, and to the fact that kattalais, though religious endowments, do not come within the purview of section 73 of the Endowments Act; and

(c) whether the hon. the Minister proposes to get the defects in section 73 removed by bringing all special trusts, whether independent or subordinate or ancillary, to the general endowments brought within the scope of section 73 by suitable amendments of section 73?

A.—(a) to (c) Government are aware of the High Court's decision and the question of amending the Act is under consideration.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"Is the hon. the Minister aware that during the last five years much injustice has been caused by the fact that kattalais, though religious endowments, do not come within the scope of section 73 of the Endowments Act, and if so, what steps have been taken to remedy this state of affairs?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I am sorry, I am not responsible for what happened during that period." (Laughter.)

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"Does the hon. the Minister propose to take action at all?"

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"May I know whether the Government have called for suitable amendments from the Hindu Religious Endowments Board?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"There are already amendments sent up by the Religious Endowments Board and they are being considered by the Government."

Agriculture

Agricultural demonstrations in the Chittoor district.

*82 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many agricultural demonstrators are there in the Chittoor district and what is their jurisdiction respectively;